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MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-SECOND MEETING OF THE USIB ELINT COMMITTEE
Held in Director's Conference Room, Administration Building, CIA

Colonel Charles P. Richman, USAF, Chairman

PRESENT:

DEFENSE:

Mr. Madison E. Mitchell

NSA:

CIA:

ARMY:

NAVY:

AIR FORCE:

JOINT STAFF:

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

Lt. Colonel Frederick I. Holden
(for Mr. Herbert W. Taylor)

Mr. Roy Adolfson
(for Captain Frederick Welden)

Colonel William F. Scott

Colonel Thomas L. Fisher, USAF
(for Colonel George E. Perry, USAF)

Colonel Chas. M. Townsend, USAF

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NSA
25X1A9A

ALSO PRESENT:

NSA:

CIA:

ARMY:

NAVY:

JOINT STAFF:

SECRETARIAT:

Arnie L. Millican, Lt. Col., USAR (Ret.)
Mr. Jack E. Thomson

Mr. Harris B. Stone

Major R. Culmer, USA

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NSA AND NWCDA REVIEWS COMPLETED. NOT-RELEVANT.

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SUBJECT NUMBER

USIB-EE-^{5.3/68}~~5.2/68~~

Item 1 on the Agenda for the Twenty-second Meeting of the ELINT Committee, held on 17 December 1959.

Subject: Approval of the Minutes of the Twenty-first Meeting.

PROBLEM:

To approve the Minutes which had been submitted to the Members.

DECISION: (17 December 1959)

The Minutes of the Twenty-first Meeting were unanimously approved.

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USIB-EE-29.20/33

Item 2 on the Agenda for the Twenty-second Meeting of the ELINT Committee, held on 17 December 1959.

Subject:

25X1X7
& NSA 25X9

PROBLEM:

To consider interim status report to USIB submitted by the COMINT Committee in view of the delays in proceeding with the completion of proposed arrangements.

25X1X7 NSA 25X9

DISCUSSION:

The Committee then proceeded to review in detail a proposed memorandum drafted by the Chairman of the COMINT Committee which was circulated at the meeting.

The Members agreed that the memorandum should go forward to USIB as a joint COMINT/ELINT Committee paper, and numerous amendments were effected to ensure the inclusion of ELINT in all pertinent matters concerned with the proposed arrangements.

25X1X7 NSA 25X9

It was agreed that there should be ELINT representation on any negotiating group proposing to explore capabilities and potential. In this connection it was agreed that the Service Members would submit to the Executive Secretary for circulation a resumé outlining an analysis for the information of Members of the negotiating group.

DECISION: (17 December 1959)

25X1X7 NSA 25X9

To approve the proposed memorandum to USIB, as amended, and submit it to the Board as a joint status report from the ELINT/COMINT Committees.

Army, Navy, and Air Force Members to submit a current analysis of the status to be provided to ELINT members of the negotiating group discussing COMINT/ELINT matters with

25X1X7
& NSA 25X9

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The Chairman to contact appropriate representatives of the negotiating group to ensure adequate ELINT representation in the exploratory discussions.

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9.8/2

Item 3 on the Agenda for the Twenty-second Meeting of the ELINT Committee, held 17 December 1959.

Subject:

25X1D6B

PROBLEM:

To consider recommendations on establishing priorities to improve the quality and timing

25X1D6B

DISCUSSION:

The CIA Member reported that a Priorities Advisory Group (PAG) meeting had been held, at which the subject had been raised in accordance with the Decision at the Nineteenth Meeting. At this meeting, CIA had been requested to provide further information and a study is currently in preparation. The paper has been received by the PAG Secretariat, but additional coordination is required prior to consideration by PAG.

It was agreed that the Committee would take no further action until PAG had completed its study and made its recommendations.

DECISION: (17 December 1959)

To defer the matter for later consideration, pending a report from the PAG.

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9.9/8

Item 5 on the Agenda for the Twenty-second Meeting of the ELINT Committee, held 17 December 1959.

Subject:

[REDACTED]

PROBLEM:

25X1D4A & NSA
25X3

25X3
NSA

To consider the report of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee

[REDACTED]

DISCUSSION:

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The Chairman commended [REDACTED] Chairman of the Ad Hoc Group, on the comprehensive report which had been submitted to the Committee (USIB-EE-9.1/7).

Several of the Members indicated that more time was needed to thoroughly digest the report. It was agreed that final action would not be taken at this time, but at the suggestion of the Chairman, several aspects of the report were considered informally. Preliminary views were voiced by several of the Members on numerous portions of the report. Among these were:

- a. [REDACTED]
- b. The appropriateness of Paragraph 5 of the Recommendations as being possibly too specific.
- c. The indefinite nature of some of the definitions in NSCID No. 6.
- d. The correctness of the assumption in Paragraph II of the report.

25X3
NSA

- f. The need for USIB to investigate further the value an intelligence tool.

25X1D4A

The Members agreed to consider these and other matters further at the next regular meeting.

& NSA
25X3

DECISION: (17 December 1959)

To defer for consideration at the next regular meeting. In the meantime, the Members to draft and submit for circulation to the Committee any specific concrete suggestions they may have for resolution of the problem.

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Item 6 on the Agenda for the Twenty-second Meeting of the ELINT Committee, held on 17 December 1959.

Subject: Committee Fulfillment of its Objectives and Obligations.

PROBLEM:

To consider further the discussion initiated by the CIA Member at the last meeting on whether the Committee is fulfilling its basic objectives and obligations and its responsibilities to USIB.

DISCUSSION:

The CIA Member stated that he felt that the Committee should review its accomplishments with regard to the specific functions and responsibilities outlined in DCID No. 6/2. He considered that additional specific actions were needed on many points. As an example, he mentioned the preparation of updated and better guidance on requirements and priority objectives in line with the new PNIO's recently approved by USIB. In this connection, he requested that the Executive Secretary prepare a tabulation of actions taken or completed by the Committee in fulfillment of its specific responsibilities. The Members concurred.

There was some discussion on designation of an individual or group to work on the preparation of updating ELINT objectives for consideration by the Committee. However, no decision was made in this regard, and it was decided to await review of report of actions taken before undertaking this revision.

DECISION: (17 December 1959)

To defer for consideration at the next regular meeting. In the meantime, the Executive Secretary to circulate a tabulation of actions taken to date by the Committee in fulfillment of its basic objectives and obligations.

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SECRETARY'S NOTES:

1. The Twenty-second Meeting, 17 December 1959, came to order at 1000.
2. Reference Item 4 of the Agenda, "ELINT Indicator List", the NSA Member reported that the problem was still being worked on and a report should be forthcoming in the near future. The item was consequently deferred to the next regular meeting.
3. The meeting adjourned at 1135.

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